

*** DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY – QUEEN VALLEY FLASH FLOOD ***

WHEREAS, unusually heavy thunderstorms and flash flooding began in Pinal County on September 18, 2004 and continued through September 19, 2004, impacting the community of Queen Valley; and

WHEREAS, over five (5) inches of rain fell in 70 minutes causing residents to be stranded, roads to be flooded, and the washes to flow beyond their banks; and

WHEREAS, the Pinal County Board of Supervisors declared an emergency for Pinal County and requested state assistance because recovery from this flash flood event is above their financial capability; and

WHEREAS, a shelter was opened and occupied for residents, several roads were damaged, culverts were plugged, and the sewage treatment plant was damaged; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized to declare an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D); and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has authorized the expenditure of funds in an event of an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-192;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby determine that the Queen Valley Flash Flood justifies a declaration of a State of Emergency, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D), and I do hereby:

- a. Declare that a State of Emergency existed in Pinal County due to the Queen Valley Flash Flood, effective September 18-19, 2004; and
- b. Direct that the sum of \$200,000 from the general fund be made available to the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to be expended in accordance with A.R.S. § 35-192, A.A.C. R8-2-301 to 321, and Executive Order 79-4; and
- c. Direct that the State of Arizona Emergency Response and Recovery Plan be used to direct and control state and other assets and authorize the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to coordinate state assets.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal
of the State of Arizona

G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this ____ day
of September in the Year Two Thousand Four
and of the independence of the United States of
America the Two Hundred and Twenty-Ninth.

ATTEST:

Secretary of State

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